

Sadat, Assad send Tito messages

BELGRADE, Dec. 30 (R). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Syrian President Hafez Assad have sent message to Yugoslav President Tito informing him of results of their recent talks in Cairo, official sources said here today. No details of the messages were disclosed. Earlier this week well-informed sources here said President Tito would pay official visits to Libya and Egypt next month to back the Arab cause and recent initiatives for reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

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Plight of Gaza prisoners draws protests

GAZA, Dec. 30 (Agencies). — The Mayor of Gaza, Rashad Al Shawwa, told a group of civic leaders and municipal officials from the Gaza Strip at a meeting here yesterday that the condition of 450 Arab detainees who have been on a hunger strike at Ashkelon prison for three weeks has deteriorated markedly.

Mayor Shawwa and a delegation of Gaza Strip leaders had visited the detainees earlier in the day. The prisoners, who are being held on security charges, are asking for prisoner of war status and better treatment.

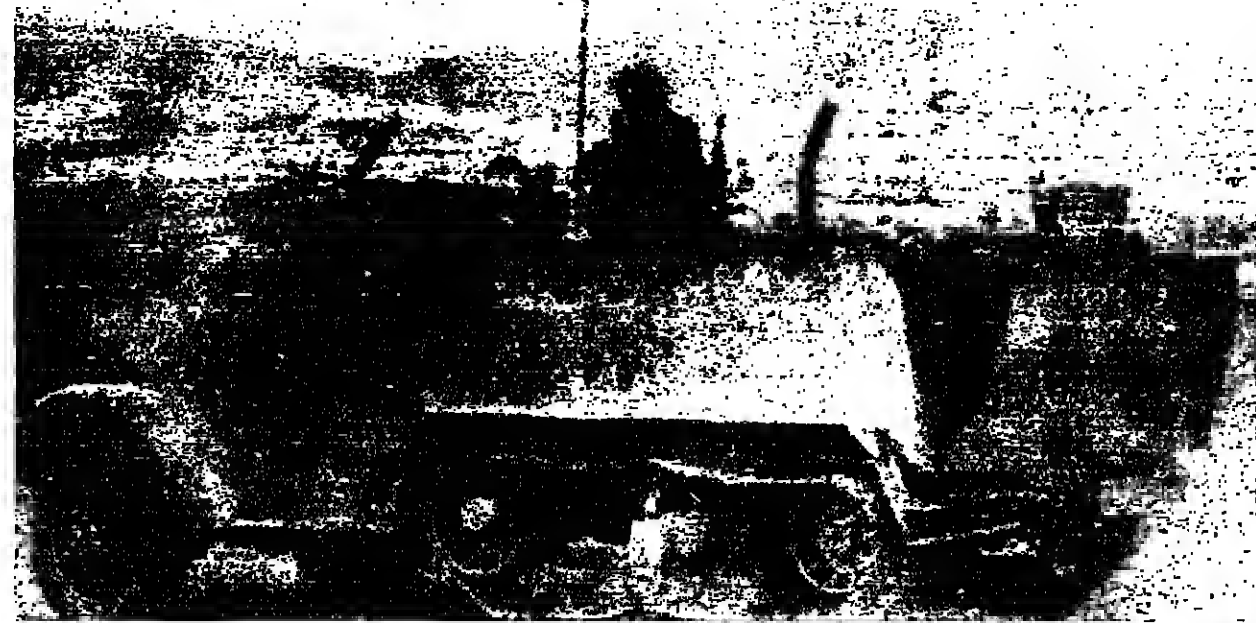
The Arabic daily Al Quds, published in occupied Jerusalem, which reported the findings of the delegation, accused the Israeli authorities of trying to break the prisoners. It pointed out that striking 20 prisoners in a nine square meter cell, as the mayor reported, was inhuman.

In a related development, Israeli bulldozers tore down three houses in occupied Jerusalem day before yesterday, leaving 22 people homeless. The families had refused to be moved to make way for Israeli construction projects in the area.

Carter announces he will keep election promise to reduce defence spending

SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia, Dec. 30 (R). — President-elect Jimmy Carter said last night he expects to save between five and even billion dollars on defence costs and he held out the prospect of further substantial reductions of the world political situation improves.

Mr. Carter told reporters after a three-day conference at this coastal resort with his newly-designated cabinet the additional defence savings could be achieved depending on such factors as



WATCH THAT SPOT -- Israeli soldiers take their half-track along a dirt road close to the fence separating Lebanon and Israel during a recent patrol of the area. Reports from Lebanon say that Palestinian forces have been moving heavy equipment into the area close to the border. (AP wirephoto).

In a dramatic liberal gesture

Spain dissolves Francoist court; Carrillo set free

MADRID, Dec. 30 (AFP). — The Court of Public Order set up by the late Gen. Francisco Franco by investigating and judging political offenses and acts of terrorism. From now on, suspected political criminals will be tried by ordinary courts, except people charged with crimes against members of the armed forces.

The final decision of the Court of Public Order was to release on bail today Communist chief Santiago Carrillo and seven of his lieutenants after charging them with forming an illegal political association. Senor Carrillo was provisionally released on \$4,500 bail, generally considered a token sum.

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The court was created on Dec. 2, 1963, to bolster the regime of the late Gen. Francisco Franco by investigating and judging political offenses and acts of terrorism.

All eight still face charges of illegal association at leadership level and if convicted could receive jail sentences of up to six years.

If the government goes ahead with their trial, however, the case will be turned over to an ordinary court.

The Court of Public Order was set up when Antonio Maria de Oriol y Urquijo was minister of justice. He presently is held by leftist kidnappers demanding and amnesty and other measures of political liberalisation.

Even the most moderate opposition parties have had been demanding the suppression of the court for years, charging that it was the keystone of the Franco one-party system.

The court consisted of a president and two assistant judges designated by governmental decree.

They were assigned to try offenses that "perturb public order or sow trouble in the national conscience."

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W. German prepares for role in M.E. peace effort

BONN, Dec. 30 (R). — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will travel to Syria and Jordan in February to discuss new steps to end the Middle East conflict, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here today.

Herr Genscher had already conferred individually with the ambassadors of Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Syria in Bonn about a possible role for West Germany in the peace negotiations.

The exact date of Herr Genscher's trip in February was not disclosed. The spokesman said he also planned to travel to Israel in early summer and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy was due in Bonn in the spring.

The Middle East situation will also be discussed at the EEC foreign ministers meeting next month, and the spokesman said West Germany expected the community to play a role in Arab-Israeli peace efforts.

Smith's "moderate" blacks ask to be represented at Geneva

SALISBURY, Dec. 30 (R). — A new political party led by black former members of the Rhodesian cabinet said today it wants to be represented at the Geneva conference on the country's future.

Senator chief Jeremiah Chirau, President of the newly-created Zimbabwe United Peoples' Organisation (ZUPO), said the party would ask for a seat at the conference table when talks resume.

"The object of my party is to inform our people here in Rhodesia and therefore it is necessary for my party to be present whenever constitutional conferences are being held," he told a news conference.

He said that in supporting the early introduction of majority rule in white-run Rhodesia, where six million blacks outnumber whites by 20 to one, his party did not mean "the counting of heads." Nationalist delegations involved in the recessed Geneva constitutional talks have been working on a basis of one man, one vote.

Senator Chirau, asked if ZUPO supported the principle of universal adult suffrage or a qualified

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U.S. reportedly accepted PLO office

KUWAIT, Dec. 30 (AFP). — The U.S. government agreed to the principle of allowing a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office in Washington, but then retracted for unknown reasons, a Palestinian official said in an interview here today. Abu Mazen, delegate of the Fateh guerrillas in Syria, told the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Anba that the retracted decision resulted from "direct contacts" recently held between PLO officials and "representative U.S. figures empowered to engage in a dialogue."

"Reliable sources" say:

Lebanese leftists submit arms list

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Richard arrives in Lusaka on 1st stage of shuttle

LUSAKA, Dec. 30 (AFP). — The Chairman of the Geneva conference on Rhodesia, Britain's Ivor Richard, arrived here today on the first stage of a Southern African shuttle aimed at ending the deadlock in the Rhodesia talks.

Mr. Richard will in principle have a meeting tomorrow with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda.

He is scheduled to arrive in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on Saturday for talks with Premier Ian Smith before going on to South Africa for a meeting with Premier John Vorster.

Diplomatic sources said that Mr. Richard would then travel to Botswana, second of the front-line African States on his itinerary after Zambia. Mr. Richard is also to visit two other front-line states, Mozambique and Tanzania, but his programme has not yet been fixed, the sources said.

Mr. Richard, who is his country's United Nations ambassador, will try to define Britain's role in

the proposed interim period before African majority rule in Rhodesia, British sources have said.

The diplomat was expected to propose the appointment of a resident commissioner to Salisbury who would head the executive during the transitional period, but the extent of his powers has still to be agreed.

The more intransigent of the African nationalist groups want the British presence to be merely ceremonial, with Africans holding the key portfolios. Mr. Smith has rejected any major role for Britain during the interim.

Mr. Richard will try to find a compromise on the question of who holds the key defence and law and order portfolios. Under the original proposals by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, accepted by Mr. Smith, the portfolios were to have been held by whites, but all nationalist groups have rejected this as out of the question.

Addressing a news conference at Nairobi Airport during a refueling stop in the Kenyan capital, Mr. Richard said: "I feel the outcome is still in the balance and I will discuss the British role in the two-year interim government proposed for Rhodesia during my Southern African shuttle diplomacy."

Mr. Richard refused to be drawn into discussion on the reported formation of a new political party in Rhodesia, the Zimbabwe United Peoples' Organisation (ZUPO).

In a separate development, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy today emphasised his country's complete support for the nationalist movement in Rhodesia during a meeting in Cairo with Mr. Joshua Nkomo leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union.

Mr. Nkomo, who led his party's delegation to the Geneva conference arrived in Cairo yesterday.



SHUTTLE STOPOVER -- Ivor Richard, left, British Chairman of the Geneva Conference on Rhodesia, meets Malta's Prime Minister Dom Mintoff at the Auberger de Castille Wednesday. Mr. Richard stopped off in Malta on his way to Southern Africa on a shuttle to try and find a solution to the Rhodesia problem. (AP wirephoto).

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Wisdom at the top

President-elect Carter will get his due share of praise and criticism in the United States for his chosen cabinet members. The process of cabinet-making in America is primarily of domestic interest, and thus beyond our concern, but two things in Mr. Carter's cabinet deserve special universal comment, indeed, even praise. These are his decisions to name blacks and women to important posts, and to name Mr. James Schlesinger as the nation's energy chief. Both decisions will pay off handsomely and fully in the future, not next month; but in making them Mr. Carter has started in motion processes of vital importance to both the United States and the world.

The naming of blacks and women to the American cabinet is not new, but the deliberate forcefulness with which Mr. Carter has gone about doing this during the past month indicates a deeper instinct within him that augurs well for the stirrings in the United States that seek to promote humanism at the highest levels of government. There is an important symbolic-psychological element to naming blacks and women with the gusto that Mr. Carter has practiced in these appointments. This is the major visibility that is given to the black and female appointees and appointments, a visibility of crucial importance to elevating the professional aspirations of young blacks and women in America, and thus of other minority groups. The point is subtle, but significant. Whether Andrew Young, Patricia Harris or Juanita Kreps turn out to be good or bad public servants is besides the point. It is also meaningless to suggest, as some have already done, that a black U.N. representative will be, by nature, more sympathetic to the positions of Third World countries, especially in a post such as that of U.N. ambassador where actions are dictated from Washington. What is of lasting importance is that the personal suggestions and concerns of blacks and women will now be injected into the top-level decision-making processes in the United States with more vigour and clout. The only thing this will do, by nature, is promote a fuller mix of strategic and tactical options for American policy-makers, a mix from which it is increasingly probable that more reasoned and humane plans of action shall flow. American blacks and women are both, in their own ways, the victims of special kinds of psychological and material oppression. If they can be plugged into the top-level decision-making currents in the United States, the chances are thus increased that they will spread the stark lessons of oppression to more top-level people, and thus in turn increase the chances of minimising new policies of oppression that are carried out in the name of all the American people. If this is what Mr. Carter seeks, then he is to be applauded.

The appointment of Mr. Schlesinger as America's energy czar is a fine move in two ways: Because Mr. Schlesinger himself is a no-nonsense fellow who can be expected to tell the American people bluntly that they had better wake up soon and formulate a serious energy policy, and because he shall command a unit at the highest level of government that will be able to put this new policy into effect. He is the right man, and the right job has been created for him. It shall soon become apparent -- Mr. Schlesinger works quickly -- that serious energy conservation policies and alternate energy research to minimise American dependence on oil will help the United States and the entire world in the long run. Mr. Schlesinger has already clearly indicated that he will push hard on the energy conservation front. If Mr. Carter makes sure that this wisdom will be translated into action, he shall deserve to be applauded twice.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Dustour wrote the following Thursday about His Majesty King Hussein's visit to the Wadi Araba area in south Jordan:

"His Majesty the King has emphasised the strong bond between man and earth in our country, a link which intensifies our affiliation to our one big family under the shade of love and cooperation, and which leads us into achieving a better and more dignified life for our generation..."

"His Majesty gave prominence to this significant idea in his speech during a visit to the Wadi Araba Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Wednesday."

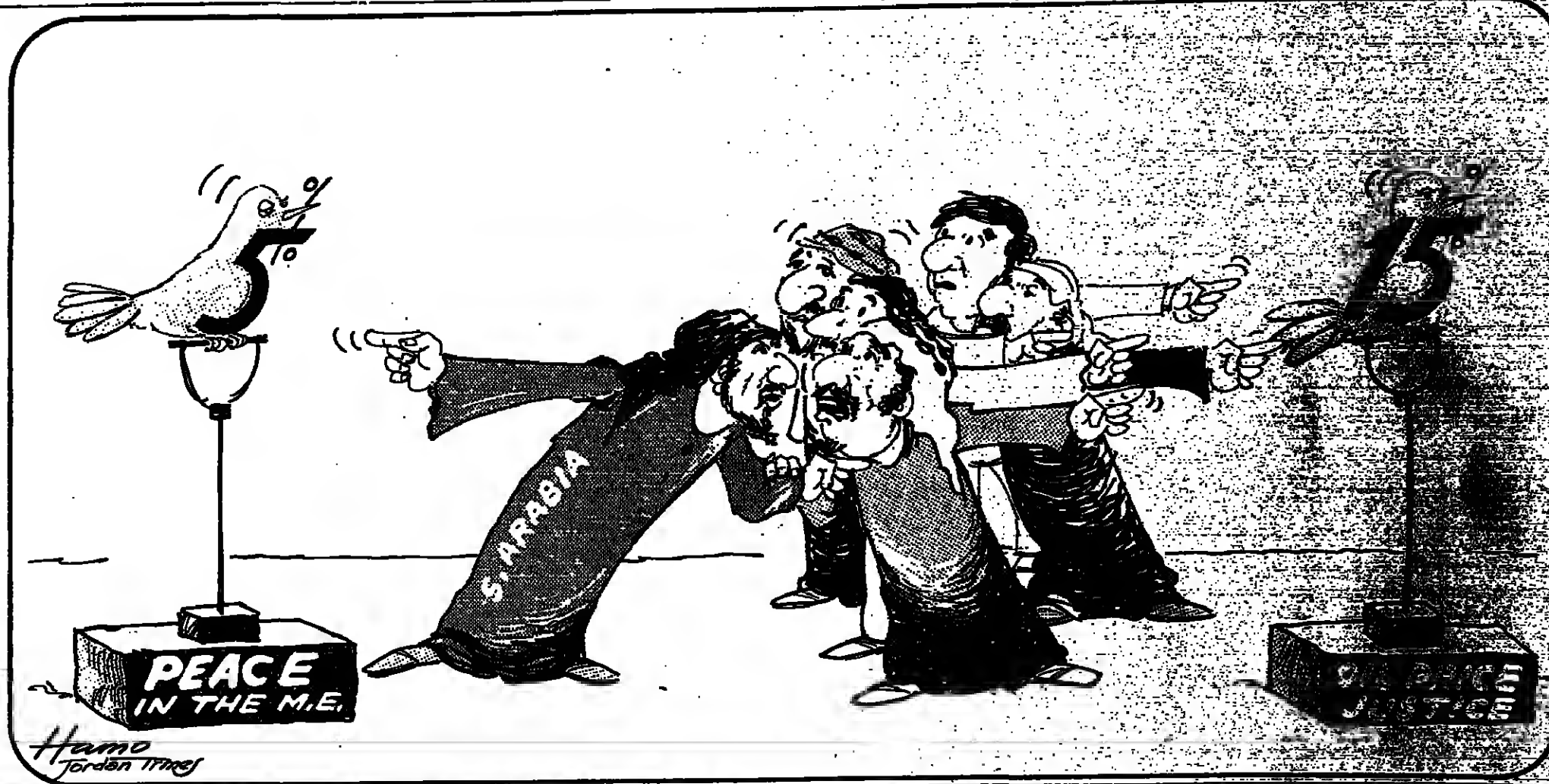
"The King's visit was meant to give his blessing, encouragement and support to the pioneering efforts aimed at developing the strategically important Wadi Araba area, increasing its population and creating a cohesive society there enjoying stability and much-needed public utilities, so that it will achieve greater production and prosperity."

Al Dustour indicates that the Wadi Araba project was a fruit of Jordan's Five-Year Development Plan and an example of positive work between the Cooperatives' Organisation, the Natural Resources

Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture. Continuing its remarks this week on what it calls "the Arab peace offensive," Al Ras' Thursday said it wanted to put on record the following points concerning all peace activities. First, these peace activities do not ask Washington to let Israel show "good intention" at the present stage by halting its plans for settlement in the Jordan Valley, the Golan and the West Bank. But, the paper adds, "the party which also has to show 'good intention' is the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which by recognising Israel, will have removed three-quarters of the problem."

Second, Washington has not been asked to show "good intention" itself by freezing the tremendous arms deals which have made Israel "the biggest military arsenal in the Mediterranean basin."

Third, the peace activities have not asked Washington to use its influence either to confirm the present Israeli prime minister in his position or to replace him by someone who can take a decision. Washington knows very well that through the provocation of a cabinet crisis during the coming six months, Israel aims to evade taking decisions. "It was, therefore, a predetermined crisis," Al Ras' thinks.



Minister of Waqf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, Kamil Al Sharif, heads the last session of the Jerusalem Committee meetings held in Al Hussein Youth City Wednesday. (JNA photo).

Jerusalem Committee winds up meetings

AMMAN (JNA). — The Jerusalem Committee Wednesday wound up its meetings here with several recommendations aimed at resisting Israeli arbitrary measures against Arab shrines and inhabitants and against Judaization of Jerusalem.

Jordan, Syria to unify laws of Security Forces

AMMAN (JT). — A delegation from the Ministry of Interior will shortly leave for Damascus to conduct, with a Syrian team a study on unifying the rules and laws of the ministries of interior in Syria and Jordan sources of the Ministry of Interior said here Thursday.

The two teams will also discuss unifying uniforms and badges for the security forces in both countries.

The delegation will include Deputy Under-Secretary for legal affairs at the Ministry of Interior Salem Al Kiswani, the Manager of Training, Research, and Development Department Brig. Mohammad Ali Al Amin, and the Director of Legal Affairs Department at the Security Forces, Lt. Col. Ghazi Jarrar.

National Notes

● AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable of thanks to the mayor of Amman in reply to the latter's cable of congratulations to His Majesty on the occasion of the Muslim New Year.

● AMMAN. — Jordan's ambassador to Greece Dr. Fawwaz Abu Al Ghanam Thursday morning left here to Athens to assume his new post there.

● AMMAN. — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhoumi Thursday morning received Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Ja'bari and discussed with him the present situation in the occupied West Bank. Mr. Talhoumi also received the Kuwaiti ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Ahmad Abdullah.

● AMMAN. — Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat Thursday morning left to Damascus at an invitation extended to him by his Syrian counterpart, Mr. Ghassan Shalhoub.

The committee recommended the possibility of holding a special session of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the Jerusalem question and Israeli acts of desecration and vandalism in the holy city.

The committee also recommended the mobilization of public opinion in the Islamic World on Jerusalem and its sufferings under Zionist occupation.

It recommended speeding up implementation of the resolution of the 7th Islamic foreign ministers' conference on Jerusalem Fund and raising of funds to support it.

The committee requested the Secretariat General of the Islamic Congress Organisation to publicise in different languages the practices of racist Zionism.

It called for supporting the Palestinian people in its just struggle for the reinstitution of its legitimate rights in accordance with U.N. charter and principles.

PRINCE HASSAN RECEIVES GHAI

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday morning received at the Royal Court Mr. Ahmad Karim Ghai, the Secretary General of the Islamic Conference, who briefed His Highness on the results of the Jerusalem Committee meetings and recommendations.

During another meeting with Premier Mudar Badran, Mr. Ghai explained the committee's most important recommendations concerning Arab unified efforts to counter Israel's attempts to Judaize Jerusalem and change the Islamic character of the holy places. They also discussed another recommendation that will take the Jerusalem issue to the United Nations, and which calls for exerting serious efforts to achieve Islamic solidarity.

His Majesty King Hussein delivers his speech during his visit to Wadi Araba Multipurpose Agricultural Cooperative Society Wednesday afternoon. (JNA photo).

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein accompanied by his two sons, Princes Abdullah and Faical, Wednesday afternoon paid a visit to the Wadi Araba Multipurpose Agricultural Cooperative Society.

He was received on arrival, by H.H. Crown Prince Hassan, Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil, the society's sponsor, the Minister of Interior, Mr. Suleiman Arar, and officials from the Jordanian Cooperatives Organisation (JCO).

"Cooperation and unity in work are the ideal pillars on which a country, determined to build a sound infrastructure, should rely," His Majesty said addressing an audience from the Saidiyeen and Amareen tribes present for the occasion. Education, health, commu-

nications and other services should be ensured to all citizens besides land ownership, the King said.

Afterwards Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil briefed His Majesty about the work so far achieved and said

that water has been made available to irrigate more than 3,000 dunums in the area, and a total of 2,400 dunums of land has been cultivated, some of it planted with citrus trees.

The Wadi Araba Multipurpose Agricultural Cooperative Society was established three months ago in cooperation among the JCO, the Natural Resources Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture to help in the effort undertaken to reclaim and cultivate the Wadi Araba land and provide stable jobs for the inhabitants of the region. The society includes at present 75 cooperative members.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.S. dollar	330.0	332.0
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U.K. sterling	565.0	571.0
Swiss franc	135.4	135.8
German mark	140.6	141.0
French franc	66.8	67.1
Italian lira		
(for every 100)	37.9	38.1
Syrian pound	82.3	82.6
Lebanese pound	115.6	117.4
Saudi riyal	94.5	94.6
Iraqi dinar	945.0	952.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1160.0	1165.0
UAE dirham	83.6	84.1
Libyan dinar	722.0	736.0
Egyptian pound	460.0	475.0

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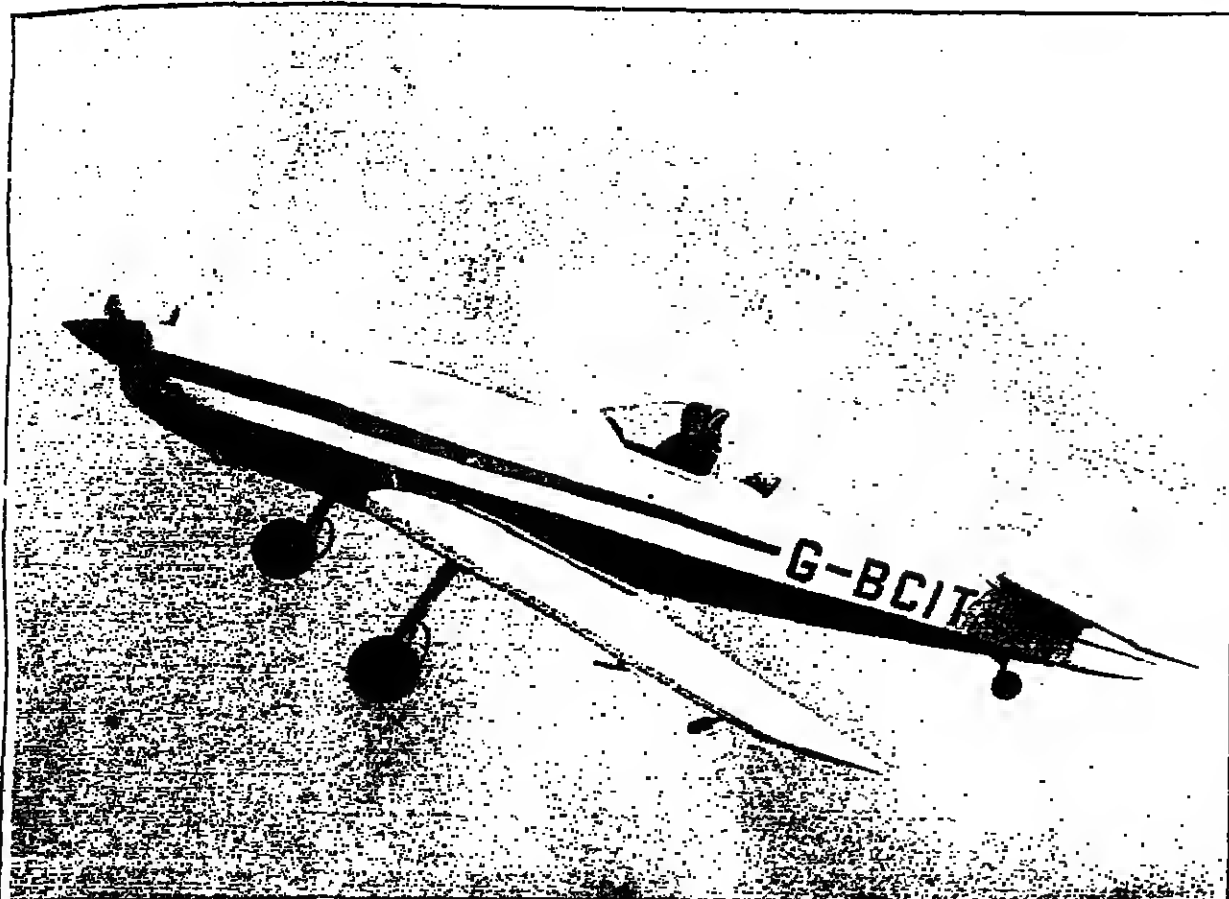
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Mrs. Isaaf Shocair will speak on the Care of Potted Plants.
New members welcome.

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This new British prototype aircraft -- the 'Cranfield AF' -- has been designed exclusively for aerobatics and is expected to lead Britain's attack at the World Aerobatic Championships in Prague in 1978. The specification was drawn up by many-times British aerobatic champion, Neil Williams, based on his experience of flying many different aeroplanes made in various countries. The aircraft was designed and constructed under the supervision of Prof. Denis Howe of the Cranfield Institute of Technology and has a wing-span of 10 metres. It is powered by a 210 h.p. Rolls-Royce Continental 10-360D engine driving a variable pitch propeller -- invaluable in the more complex manoeuvres. The engine has been converted to a dry sump oil system to ensure a constant flow of oil, even in sustained inverted flight. The body has a steel tubular frame around which are placed plywood formers and a plywood and fabric outer covering. The wing and tail surfaces are of light alloy stressed-skin construction and the machine has a safety factor of 1.5 times the expected load -- acceleration up to 9g upwards and 6g downwards. (BIS photo).

Indications are Hua intends further Chinese purges soon

By Rene Flipo

PEKING, Dec. 30 (AFP). — Chairman Hua Kuo-feng seems to be preparing reshuffle the leadership and administration at various levels in China, especially in the provinces.

Recent political events in China would dictate such a move, especially the arrests in October of Mao Tse-tung's widow Chiang Ching and three other top leaders, Mr. Wang Hung-wen, Mr. Chang Chun-chiao and Mr. Yao wen-yuan.

That was the impression given by Chairman Hua in his Dec. 25 speech to the National Agricultural Conference in Peking. The full text of that speech was published in the official press on Tuesday.

First of all, Mao Tse-tung's successor announced that at some "appropriate time" next year, people's congresses would be held in the provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions.

He said the goal of these conferences would be the "election into the revolutionary committees of comrades who meet the requirements for worthy successors set forth by Chairman Mao, maintain close links with the

masses and have their genuine support."

This would be done "after sufficient democratic discussions and consultations," he added.

The elections, which would logically be held to fill posts which had been vacated, will more or less coincide with a movement announced by Chairman Hua for "consolidation and rectification" within the party.

He said the central committee would inaugurate this movement "at an opportune moment," and that one of its goals would be to "purify the ranks of our party" following the "sabotage" committed over the years by the "gang of four" led by Mme Chiang Ching.

"Rectification" movements in China in the past have always been accompanied by the removal of a number of cadres, officials, and others.

Chairman Hua's speech furnished some clues as to what types of people would be made the targets of this movement when it does get under way.

He said that under the influence of the "gang of four," "new party members were recruited in violation of the provisions in the party constitution, cadres were promoted in disregard of the five requirements put forward by Chairman Mao and even bad elements were drawn into the party and smuggled into leading bodies."

"Under the protection of the gang of four some brazenly asked for leading positions and grabbed power at every opportunity," he added.

However it seems this purge will only come when the time is ripe. It probably will not be hurried and

will be aimed only at those recalcitrant individuals who refuse to "repent" or whose eviction will be demanded by the people at the upcoming congresses.

Chairman Hua stressed the principles: "First we must observe and second we must give help," and "Learn from past mistakes to avoid future ones, and cure the sickness to save the patient."

"This policy and tradition were seriously undermined by the gang of four. We must unite with all those that can be united, including those who once wrongly opposed us, to fight together against the enemy," he added.

For the time being, the Chinese Communist Party chairman recommended that measures be taken only against "the handful of their (the 'gang of four') unrepentant sworn followers," whom he did not identify.

"Those who followed the gang of four and made mistakes must be treated on the merit of each case. Among them only a few participants in their conspiracy. They are welcome once they make a clean breast of their part in the conspiracy," he said.

U.S. economy shows signs of recovery

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, (R). — First tentative signs that the U.S. economy may be emerging from the doldrums appeared yesterday when the Commerce Department announced that its index of leading indicators rose by one per cent in November.

The index is the government's guideline on future economic trends, and the November rise was the first significant increase since last June.

Economists said the statistics for last month were encouraging, but cautioned that it would take several months of similar increases before it was certain the economy was once again on the upswing.

They pointed out that revisions in the index showed a decline in July, August and September, a strong indication that economic growth may have actually halted for a time before reviving in the closing weeks of the year.

Government economists regard three straight monthly declines in the index as warning signals of a possible recession unless there is a strong rebound in the months immediately following.

One Italian is kidnapped every week

ROME, Dec. 30 (AFP). — An average of one person every week was kidnapped in Italy this year after the first abduction in February, newspapers calculated yesterday.

Kidnappers collected 50,000 million lire in ransom (\$58 million) for 45 victims between Feb. 4 and Dec. 21.

Eleven people are still being held by their kidnappers. The last to be released was a Naples Banker, two days ago, for whom a 960 million lire (\$1 million) ransom was paid.

The most fertile ground for kidnappers was Calabria in the south, with 11 abductions. Last year, it was the Lombardy region, with 14.

Locusts do work of lawn-mowers in Australia

ADELAIDE, Dec. 30, (R). — Swarms of locusts descended on the city of Adelaide today, devouring garden crops in northern suburbs as residents looked on helplessly from behind closed windows.

The locusts, swept from Australia's interior by hot, north-westerly winds, have been eating their way south and east to the coast through lush farmland and wine-growing districts.

Farmers reported thousands of dollars worth of damage to pastures and maturing grain crops. "They're doing the work of lawn-mowers in some towns," a Pastures Protection Board spokesman in New South Wales said.

In the fertile Riverina area of New South Wales, farmers said huge areas of grazing land had been stripped and maturing wheat, millet, lucerne and rich crops ravaged.

Ethiopia is surprised at Numeiri's accusations of subversion against him

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 30 (AFP). — The Ethiopian foreign minister yesterday expressed astonishment at accusations made on Sunday by Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri that Ethiopia had joined Libya and communist forces in organizing subversion against his regime.

A Foreign Ministry communique, published in the English-language Ethiopian Herald, said everyone knew that Sudan "was openly be-

ing used as a base of operations by the Eritrean province secessionist elements as well as by various counter-revolutionary groups opposed to the Ethiopian revolution."

The ruling Ethiopian Provisional Military Government had on several occasions given "irrefutable proof" of these activities, the communique said. However, in the interest of good relations between the two countries the affair had

never been made public because Ethiopia believed it was still possible to settle the question by diplomatic means.

President Numeiri had warned villagers in the Sudan-Ethiopian border area against the organization of various forces threatening Sudan, "with the support of Libya, certain communist forces, and Ethiopia," the Ethiopian communique noted.

Ethiopia was accused of involvement in last July's abortive coup against President Numeiri, after the Sudanese said that captured plotters reported they had been trained in Ethiopia. President Numeiri also said that among "foreign elements" involved in the coup had been Ethiopians.

These accusations were rejected by the Addis Ababa government as "baseless".

Relations between the two countries, while never reaching crisis level, have, however, been long-strained because of a border dispute. This confrontation was finally settled in 1972 with an agreement which also included clauses on future bilateral cooperation.

Since then, however, relations have continued to be strained because of the situation caused by the Eritrean fighting and by the sequels of the southern Sudan civil war.

The civil war against the southern Any-Any guerrillas was officially ended in 1972 but the situation in the south was still difficult, observers said. Many southern Sudanese had taken refuge in Ethiopia.

For its part, Sudan has given political refuge to many Eritrean secessionists and Ethiopian counter-revolutionaries, the Ethiopian authorities have said.

Purge of Mao's widow releases China's new art

PEKING, Dec. 30, (R). — China is reviving popular films, stage-works and songs, not seen or heard by the public for over a decade, as a "new look" cultural policy gets under way.

The purging of the so-called "gang of four" led by Mao Tse-tung's widow, Chiang Ching, has released "a new spring in proletarian art," the official people's daily said today.

Foreign correspondents and diplomats have been invited to see the screen spectacular, "The East is Red," which has not been shown since the cultural revolution of the mid-sixties.

The lengthy propaganda work,

a mixture of Soviet socialist realism, Hollywood musical extravaganza and Italian opera, had been one of the many victims of Madame Mao and her radical leftist colleagues.

Since Mme Chiang Ching's arrest two months ago, Peking concert audiences have been moved to tears by one of the country's greatest sopranos, Wang Kun. Miss Wang had been prevented from appearing in public since she took the starring role in the famous Chinese opera, "The White-Haired Girl," at the beginning of the cultural revolution.

Mme Chiang Ching and the radicals, who rose to power in the

mid-sixties, "purged every revolutionary artwork produced before the cultural revolution," today's People's Daily said.

The "smashing of the gang of four" meant the "liberation of proletarian art," it said. Under Madame Mao's control, vigilant supporters managed over the last decade to suppress any spark of originality or artistic merit in virtually every field of culture.

After such a stereotyped diet, Chinese audiences are now flocking to see such productions as "The East is Red," which though unabashedly propagandistic, have at least a refreshing measure of artistic and musical merit.

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THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q93
♥ 764
♦ A73
♣ K852

EAST
♠ 82
♥ K1052
♦ 4
♣ A107643

SOUTH
♠ AKJ10
♥ A98
♦ KQ10985
♣ Void

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Four of ♣.

At times, just playing your tricks in the right order is all you need to do to land a close contract. This hand is a typical example.

North-South bid well to their slam. After South had forced to game, North realized that his two key cards in his partner's suits made his hand too good for a sign-off at three no trump. He first gave preference to diamonds and then, when his partner showed slam interest by cue-bidding hearts, he showed his spade fragment. South needed no further en-

couragement to the small slam in diamonds.

West led a trump, and declarer realized that, if trumps broke 2-2, the hand was easy. He could simply draw trumps, discard a heart from dummy on the fourth spade, concede a heart ruff a heart in dummy for his 12th trick. But what if trumps divided 3-1, as was quite likely?

In that case, declarer would have to find the hand with three trumps also to possession of four spades. That would enable declarer to get a discard on the spades while a trump was still outstanding. However, if declarer tests trumps by drawing a second round, he will be defeated. He can get his discard, but when he concedes a heart, East will return a third trump, and there will be no trump in dummy to ruff a heart.

The successful line is to win the trump at trick one and immediately concede a heart, losing a trick early but had to be lost in any event. Assume East wins and returns a trump. Declarer wins in his hand and, when West shows out, he cashes four spade tricks, discarding a heart from the board. Now declarer can cash the ace of hearts, ruff a heart with the ace of trumps and return to his hand with a club ruff to draw the last trump and claim his contract.

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



WINE-MAD -- These vats are no longer used to store wine; they may never have been. They are hotel rooms for tired toppers, a mere stagger away from the verandah of a hostelry near Baden-Baden in one of West Germany's major wine regions. This year's vintage seems sure to prove extraordinarily good. The grapes basked in sunshine for a long, hot summer and were not picked until later than is usually necessary. So 1976 should be a bumper vintage.

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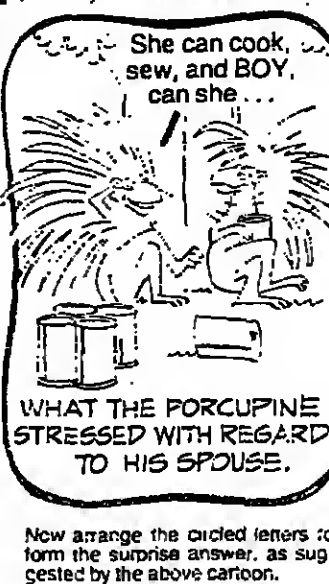
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

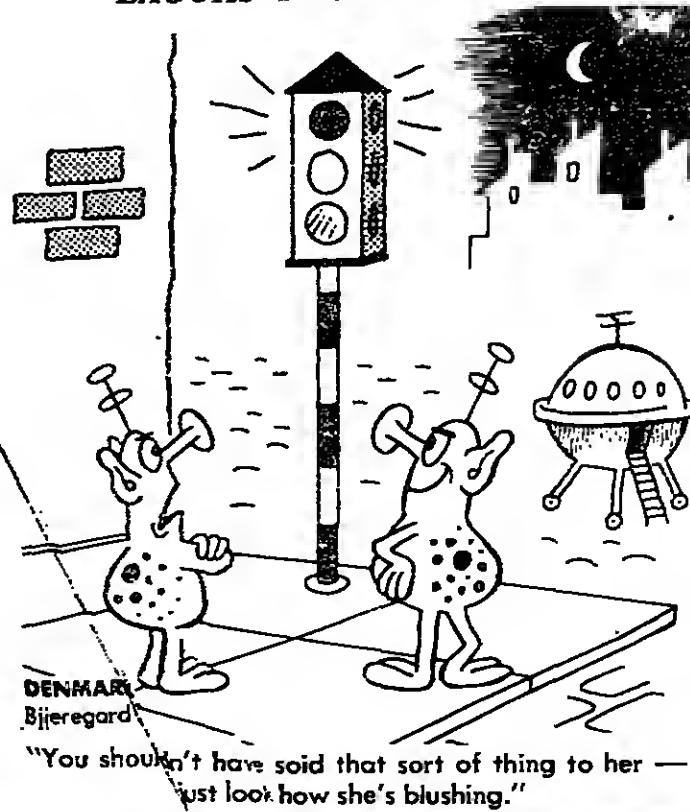
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UNGELP

Answer here: HER

Yesterday's Jumbles: FABLE AXIOM STUCCO UNSOLD
Answer: Not often described in a word—“SELDOM”



LAUGHS FROM EUROPE



Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Your birthday today: This coming year offers dramatic incidents, but no overall scenario or theme—this is up to you to create as you go. There's no point in basing the future strictly on the past and its flaws. This year's experience teaches you how to cope with excesses of emotional expression. Today's natives gravitate naturally to positions of public trust, have a good memory and a capability for organization. Those born this year are optimists, should be trained not to take things too easy.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: No point in formal resolutions; you'll only revise them beyond recognition anyway. Prolonged celebration loses its gusto. Give others a chance to have fun.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Part of what you hear is fantasy, part truth. Check what affects you. Expansive plans defeat their purpose and cause inconvenience later.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Talk muddles the facts, but brings strangers into closer working relations. Make allowances if others misunderstand you. Be selective tonight.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Pride can lead to outlays that cause you embarrassment. Observers aren't impressed. Future planning is great, but others don't want to hear anything serious.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Broad and vague estimates are today's norm. Resolutions dwindle to perfunctory gestures. Enjoy experiences

and learn what positive truth you can.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Do essential routines, then save your time and energy for a bit of self-indulgence and gala festivities. Seek congenial company for sharing positive feelings.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Use the day for last-minute touches, the night for celebration. Distant news is incomplete. Focus on matters you can handle in person. Honor appointments.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Competitors do something surprising. Don't be distracted from essentials, but defer what others classify as important. Live it up tonight!

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Windfalls are possible, or you provide one for somebody of lesser means. A brief opportunity arises. Be moderate in celebrating the new year.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Today is a test of how well you have organized your daily living and career enterprises. Some questions are difficult. Choose companions for tonight carefully.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: In the final analysis you're responsible only for yourself. Let others learn from their own experiences. The new year brings more perspective.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Be a little skeptical as a familiar scene unfolds. People play their usual roles. A sense of humor helps; friendly laughter sets many things right.

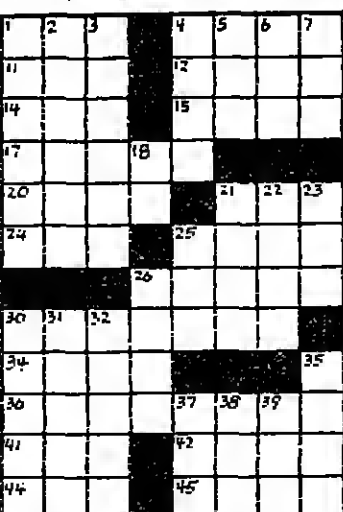
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Begin to grow
4. Larboard
8. Pique
11. Choler
12. Bowlin genus
13. Kind of coffee
14. Indian
15. Fineste
17. Associates
19. Throb
20. Churchish
21. Tornado
24. Simple sugar

DOWN

25. Undertake
26. Personal journal
27. Caterpillar
30. Stivel
33. Summon
34. Cuckoo-pint
35. Patronize
36. Thalysite
40. Seaweed
41. Beshaput
42. Football field
43. Informet
44. Disappearing railways
45. Career
46. Pipe tubing



SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1. Series of ten
2. Colleen
3. Rattle bird
4. Whole lie
5. Loop and knot
6. Standing
7. Flexible
8. Entrance
9. Reprove harshly
10. Myself
11. Glass air bubble
12. Precinct
13. Chippery
14. Creek
15. Lorn
16. Plan
17. Market place
18. Cylindrical
19. Outmoded
20. Bay window
21. Undraped
22. Figures
23. Nevelone State abby
24. Nonwoven fabric
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Prince de Broglie's killer confesses

PARIS, Dec. 30 (AFP). — A 31-year-old underworld figure, was today formally charged with the slaying of former French Deputy Foreign Minister Jean de Broglie.

Police say M. Frech, who has a police record for minor offences including pimping, has admitted gunning down Prince de Broglie on Dec. 24 for a promised purse of 50,000 francs (\$10,000).

Five other people are being held in connection with the slaying, including two of the prince's business partners and a police inspector.

Police say the two businessmen M. Pierre de Varga and M. Patrick Allenet de Ribemont, planned the killing to wipe out a four million francs (\$800,000) debt to the prince.

Both M. de Ribemont, who has been charged with a technically separate offence of the illegal possession of three guns, and M. de Varga deny any involvement.

These two, plus Police Inspector Guy Simone and two of M. Frech's underworld cronies, M. Serge Tefteidre and M. Simon

Kolkewicz, were today placed in preventive detention.

M. Tefteidre and M. Kolkewicz are alleged to have been present at the scene when M. Frech allegedly gunned down the prince, a parliamentary member of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's Independent Republican Party.

Police sources said today that Police Inspector Simone had admitted to personally owing Prince de Broglie 120,000 francs (\$20,000) for a loan M. de Varga had fixed up for him two years ago.

He said M. de Varga had promised the debt would be wiped out if he found a hired-gun to kill the 55-year-old former secretary of state at the Foreign Ministry, the sources added.

A lawyer for M. de Ribemont today repeated his denial of any involvement in the killing and attacked police handling of the affair.

The lawyer said it was inadmissible that his client was held in preventive detention on the minor arms offence charge and that he was being publicly labelled as one of the plotters when the legal procedure had not begun.



"PETIT GERARD" HANDCUFFED -- M. Gerard Frech, the 31-year-old underworld figure, is led, handcuffed, by a Paris policeman to Police Headquarters Wednesday night after having been charged with the murder of Prince Jean de Broglie in a Paris street on Christmas Eve. (AP wirephoto).

According to president of Beirut's Chamber of Commerce Destruction gives unique opportunity to rebuild a better Lebanese capital

BEIRUT, (CSM). — Lebanon's economy is still reeling from the devastating effects of 19 months of civil war. Twenty-five per cent of the country's industrial potential has been destroyed. Vast acres of the fertile land remain untillied. The

depots and warehouses of the capital's port -- once the entrepot for the whole Arab east -- stand charred and in ruins.

But amidst this grim scene, some farsighted businessmen and economists are beginning to hope that the destruction will provide a golden

opportunity for restructuring and improving an economy where the strains of too-rapid and uneven growth were only too evident in the past.

Premier Selim Al Hoss, a banker and economist by trade, is overseeing plans for the country's economic future. He has been given, in addition to the premiership, key ministerial portfolios in charge of the nation's economic affairs.

He and a group of experts he has built up will have many far-reaching proposals to consider, as well as more pressing problems to unravel. But a consensus is beginning to emerge among leading businessmen that basic changes must be made.

Adnan Qassar is the President of Beirut's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which represents 10,000 enterprises "ranging from the smallest shop to the largest mill."

Many of these businesses were once centred in the two square miles of the city's sprawling downtown commercial district, now a ruined reminder of many months of fierce fighting.

Mr. Qassar realises that many of the buildings in the downtown district will have to be demolished. "But that", he says, "gives us a unique opportunity to build a better city."

Promising that "we will try to keep the oriental touch as much as possible," he explains that there is already a team of experts working on a new master plan for the area. "As it was", he says, "the city centre was wrongly enlarged -- more or less suffocating itself."

But plans on paper are one thing; realising them can be something else. "Rebuilding the city centre will be difficult," explains Mr. Qassar. "There is the basic contradiction between the landlords and tenants of the old buildings; we will be replacing. The proprietors themselves are often not individuals but whole families of 10 or even hundreds of members, each of whom expects his rights to be respected. And the tenant has paid his key money; so has his own rights in the matter."

He defined three possible formulas by which these difficulties could be resolved, within the common framework that redevelopment

ment will most likely be carried out by new companies of mixed public and private ownership:

-- Former landlords and tenants could be given shares in the redevelopment companies, to the equivalent of the amount due to them.

-- Anyone who wants to relinquish his rights to operate in the area to be developed could be offered generous compensation.

-- Equivalent space could be offered to former owners and users within the new development, with compensation being paid for the period until it is completed.

There is also, according to Mr. Qassar, a proposal that landlords and tenants in each street join together in rebuilding it, but he rules that out in view of the improbability of any such group arriving at common decisions.

If the downtown districts are going to be redeveloped, Mr. Qassar also considers it necessary that the nearby port -- and indeed all the country's ports -- also be redeveloped, within a new administrative structure.

Beirut port recently reopening for activity, but all the equipment and warehouses have been gutted by fire so port operations are severely limited.

Mr. Qassar proposes that as the port facilities are rebuilt, there should be a new watchdog committee -- port-users to supervise all port operations. In the past, the port, although publicly owned, was operated by a private company.

The resulting congestion became a watchword in the Middle East. But the new committee would see the necessity of radically expanding and updating port facilities.

There are other ways in which Mr. Qassar says advantage can be taken of the country's present devastation in order to revamp its economy. One of the most important is the upgrading of the public sector.

Mr. Qassar would like to see a public sector "on the same level as the private sector," but he still foresees a key role for private investment.

"If a strong political solution can be found," he surmises, "Lebanon will once again be very interesting to investors."

IN PERSPECTIVE

Rabin's gambit could herald a fundamental change

For Israel, the new year begins with a bold gambit by Rabin who has finally taken the first sensible step towards peace: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had shackled himself with a coalition with the National Religious Party which not only tied down his policy options but made any concessions towards peace on the West Bank, where they would have been most meaningful, almost taboo. Let us hope that Rabin's move is indication of the fact that at long last he has found he cannot tolerate the policy of his government to be heavily coloured by mythical notions religiously adhered to by a fanatic minority.

A government running a modern 20th century state has a right to be annoyed at having its coalition partners raise a motion of no confidence on the basis that the government had inadvertently been involved in an official function on the Sabbath. These are echoes of the dark past which are out of place in our times. The adherents of outmoded ideologies are trying to chart the course of Israel, to make it into a truly "Jewish state" in what today amounts to an unfortunate display of chauvinism. The notion that "Jewishness" is transmitted by birth transcends of naturalistic description at the hands of such people and invades the political domain to deny civil rights to individuals due to some accident of birth or detail of the marriage ceremony. Clearly inane circumstances are invading the domain of significant public life.

Such patterns of thought, crowded with the notion of the "chosen people" whose "inalienable right" to the land of Palestine displaces the right of all other, very days of the prophets of Israel which are obtruded all too frequently on the rights of Jews, on justice for non-Jews, and on the whole idea of human rights, turning the life of the gentiles (Palestinian Arabs in this case) into a living hell.

When land is taken away from Arabs who are subsequently treated as labourers on their own land at the mercy of the going rate for Jewish labour, the whole affair is tolerated simply because the people affected are non-Jewish. Something is drastically wrong by 20th century standards of justice and morality, if the primitive code of the early prophets is to be taken seriously.

Refugees who were displaced from the villages of Kafr Bir'im and Iqrit in 1948 are still on the contrary helped to return to their villages even thirty years later because their lands have been given to Arab citizens as opposed to Arab Jewish citizens of the "Jewish state", when a good segment of the Israeli public feels that injustice is being done.

One blames the Palestinian command for being opposed to the idea of the Jewish state, in which non-Jewish citizens are treated as aliens?

When the Israeli cabinet is afraid to crack down on "illegal" Jewish settlements in the West Bank because a group of fanatics are running around intimidating the government, so that the government bans a settlement on one day and army engineers lay down water mains and power lines to the illegal settlement the next, when the government agrees the settlement must go but dare not set a date for its evacuation, then much is not right with the children of Israel.

If Rabin's motive is to get away from all that and if he really means to conduct the electoral campaign on a platform of negotiated peace, if his intention is to consult the electorate on whether they prefer peace to intolerance, and a modicum of justice to chauvinism, then 1977 could be a landmark year for the Middle East and the Jews all over the world.

Algeria is willing to resolve Sahara dispute

ALGIERS, Dec. 30 (R). — Algeria was sent by Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika. Earlier this year Algerian President Houari Boumedienne said that a free referendum was the only way to save the former Spanish territory's future. Algeria has declared "null and void" Spain's decision to hand the territory over to a joint Moroccan-Mauritanian administration. M. Bouteflika's message said:



JIHAN'S BETROTHAL -- 16-year-old Jihan Sadat, daughter of the Egyptian president who carries her mother's name, receives her betrothal ring from fiancé Mohammed Osman. The couple are scheduled to marry in Cairo on Jan. 2. (AP wirephoto).

Journalist argues that current border talks will not move Peking to detente with Russians

HONG KONG, Dec. 30 (AFP). — Renewal of Sino-Soviet border talks is not viewed in China as a sign of a Peking-Moscow detente, the special correspondent of the local leftwing Ta Kung Pao reports from the Chinese capital.

Published today, the dispatch from journalist Julian Schuman says that whatever the outcome of the current talks, basic policy towards the Soviet Union under Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has continued to be more of the same. Moscow is still deemed the most dangerous threat of war to the world and is sticking its nose into all parts of the globe.

"The chasm between China and the Soviet Union is too vast for detente in the realm of ideology. Any improvement in state relations with Moscow, as with Washington, depends on the willingness of both sides," Mr. Schuman writes.

He adds that with the exception of very few countries "like utterly racist South Africa and Rhodesia," China is on record as ready to have normal state relations with all countries and to improve existing ties.

"This has been her consistent stand in the case of the Soviet Union even after revisionism took hold there," Mr. Schuman states.

He continues: "If the Russians are ready to do something about better government relations the border talks that got underway in Peking on Nov. 30 could signal such intention."

"The 19th century treaties a weak China was compelled to sign giving away huge chunks of territory to Czarist Russia stick in the Chinese craw. Peking is not demanding these back, but insists that Moscow acknowledge the treaties as 'unequal'."

"The removal of some of the estimated one million Soviet troops on the border could be interpreted as a sign of Russian intentions in the matter of government relations."

"China waited more than 20 years for one superpower to decide to begin normalising relations ... The Chinese can wait until the other superpower is ready to do something about making existing government relations more normal."

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stock exchange share prices moved up to their highest for nearly four months Thursday in the face of persistent investment demand, although the actual trading volume was down to a trickle.

Despite indications from the Bank of England that a cut in their Minimum Lending Rate (MLR) was unwanted, long-dated gilts had gains of up to half-a-point (50 pence), although short-dated issues were dull.

Leading industrials to move ahead included ICI, following favourable press comment, Glaxo, Beecham and Unilever.

The F.T. index was up 4.9 at 351.0, its highest for over 13 weeks. Stores reflected the spending spree at the end-of-year sales and the leading banks were prominent (Hong Kong Shanghai was at a new peak), while insurances also advanced.

Gold moved ahead in the wake of the firmer bullion price, De Beers was firm in diamonds, Rio Tinto Zinc also moved up, but Australians were dull, with pan-continental and Peko Walls ending low.

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